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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
MINAKO HIJIKATA, ET AL. : EXAMINER:  
SERIAL NO: 10/633,659 :  
FILED: AUGUST 5, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT:  
FOR: CARRIER FOR GENE DETECTION :  
AND ITS USE FOR DETECTING  
VALIDITY OF INTERFERON THERAPY

AMENDMENT &

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated  
November 6, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 3 of this paper and include an attached  
replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.